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EDITORIAL

Some criticism has been made concerning the killing of a prisoner at the county jail while making an attempt to escape early Thursday morning, but we fail to see any justification for such criticism. It is the duty of Mr. Gale, deputy sheriff and at present acting sheriff of Colfax county, to properly guard the jail and prevent any prisoners from escaping.

In shooting the prisoner, Brown, who, it is claimed, had been a criminal the greater portion of his life, and who was engaged in a desperate effort to obtain freedom, Mr. Gale did exactly what he was sworn to do, his duty.

While of course the killing of a person is to be deplored, yet it seems to us that any one else would have done the same thing under like conditions and circumstances. It would appear that the acting sheriff had a clear idea as to his duty and performed it like a man. Men of his stamp are always in demand.—Raton Range.

Viewing The South Pole.

Boston, Mass.—Ferdinand Lowell, director of the great observatory at Flagstaff, Arizona, has detailed some of the results of his observations of Mars made this month.

This year there has been opportunity to view the south pole of that planet and in so doing some confirmation has been secured of what was seen fourteen years ago when that part of Mars was last under view. As with the earth, the snow cap of the south pole is much larger than that of the north pole, and the melting of this has now been seen under excellent conditions. Mr. Lowell has been able to view particularly well the phenomena of the melting of the southern polar cap.

The cap at first observation was enormous in extent, covering an area on the planet's surface of more than 100 degrees. At the second presentation this cap had diminished greatly, and at its base were certain appearances that seem to bear out Mr. Lowell's idea of vegetation. The first presentation of a large area adjoining the polar cap showed this to be a dark bank lying between the snows and the continental areas.

It was a curious appearance at first, because these intermediate areas were supposed to be light ones and had been already defined and given names as seas and islands.

At the second presentation of this region, the dark color had diminished and there were symptoms of dark lines, separating lighter spots. As the same area came in rotation for the third time to the observer at the telescope, the light islands were distinct as they had been noted in chartings of Mars, and they were divided as they should be by darker lines.

A second important observation has been the connection of certain of the known canals with bays which formed along the polar cap as it melted. There was for a while no such connection to be seen and it might have been assumed that the canals observed were not connected with the south at all, but rather with the north pole, across the equator, but here at last was the evidence of an actual physical connection with the pole which was at the time in a melting condition. This phenomenon, although before observed in the north, has been seen for the first time at the time at the southern pole.

Prison Horror.

Santa Fe, N. M.—Jap L. Clarke of Torrance, under indictment for the killing of another cowboy, was the principal witness when the penitentiary investigation was resumed here. Clarke had been at the penitentiary for safe keeping, and he gave a sensational testimony as to what he witnessed and experienced while there. He declared that prisoners were frequently kept for days in dark cells in solitary confinement and given food that was rotten. Convict Claude Doane, the witness said, had been kept in solitary confinement and given so little to eat for days that he was unable to walk unsupported when taken out.

Clarke caused a shudder among the spectators, attorneys and witnesses when he told how a negro convict named Toney, who had fainted, was clubbed to revive him after water had failed to do so.

Clarke said he weighed 197 pounds when taken to the penitentiary and 162 when released.

He said that the food was served to the prisoners two and three times over, being sent back to them after it had become stale and rotten.

They are getting far away from the middle ages in Berlin when an editor tells a count who challenges him to a duel to chase himself around the block.

Germany is for peace, according to Herr Bushberg, and it is going to have it, even if it has to lick every other country in Europe to do so.

ODE TO NOTHING.

I am happy to sing of the joys of the spring,
(In years when the spring really comes.)
And at metrical views of the styles and the news,
The lyre of my muse fairly hums.
And I like to write rhyme on the bright summertime,
And odes on the climate in fall;
But more than all this it is exquisite bliss
To write verse about nothing at all!

For it's easy to write when a theme is in sight,
And your subject is blossomed and ripe,
And any old bard will find breathing less hard
Than rhyming the news—it's a pipe.
Who couldn't be fired by such subjects inspired
As weather or love or baseball?
But I hold it a feat that is dainty and neat
To write verse about nothing at all.

To cause readers to hunt for a thought in your stunt,
When you've taken great pains to exclude
Each phrase that might be a clear-headed idea,
Nor allowed any sense to intrude—
Ah! that is what moves you to chortle,
and proves
That your skill is as great as your glib;
And it's useless to hide my professional pride
In this verse about nothing at all!

—Cleveland Leader.

The Royal Road.

Struggling Author—Why, De Poesy, how prosperous you look! Was your last book of poems a success?
De Poesy—No-o, can't say that it was.
"Published a popular novel, perhaps?"
"No."
"Ah, then you have written a play."
I have always held that play writing, while not the highest form of art, was nevertheless—
"I have written no play."
"You haven't? Where did these fine clothes come from? How did you pay for that handsome turnout?"
"I have abandoned literature and am peddling clams."—N. Y. Weekly.

The Inexorable Law.

"Sir," we said timidly to the canal who, who is idly toying with the massive jeweled seal on his heavy gold watch guard, "pray tell us why coal is so much cheaper in April than in October."
"It is the law of demand and supply," he responded.
"Would you mind explaining what you mean by those familiar words?"
"Not at all. We demand the money and you supply it."—Judge.

A Horrible Experience.

Mac Booth Rantington (the tragedian)—Talk about hall storms! Why, once in Missouri I got caught in a hall storm and, you may believe me or not, but I'll swear the hall stones were as large as hens' eggs!
Manager (of Billville Grand Opera House)—Gosh! You must have felt relieved when the first one struck you and didn't bust!—Puck.

HARD-UP'S PROFITABLE RABBIT ACT.



A Story Without Words.

With the Big Dipper.
The world is rushing ahead, my boy,
And who knows but what some day
The millionaire milkman, in a big ship,
May start skimming the Milky Way?
Chicago Daily News.

Had the Best of Him.

Mrs. N. Peck—Sir! Before I married you I was used to having the best of everything.
Mr. N. Peck—And you do still, my dear. For when I proposed you said that I was everything to you, and ever since you've always got the best of me.

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County Board Meeting

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instructed to cancel same from the tax rolls and the Probate Clerk is also instructed to harmonize his books accordingly.

In the matter of taxes assessed against Francisco Abeysa for the year 1905, it was determined by the Board that said taxes stand as assessed for that year, but that the taxes for the year 1906 be stricken from the tax rolls, and the Treasurer is hereby instructed to correct his books in accordance with this decision.

The report of Samuel Wright, Constable of Precinct No. 20, received, approved, and the Clerk ordered to file same.

Upon a petition signed by the citizens and tax payers of the upper Poni Creek for the establishment of a new precinct on the lines of what was formerly known as Precinct No. 11, and heretofore abolished, it is hereby ordered that a new precinct be and is hereby created and hereafter to be known as Precinct No. 26, Poni Park, in the County of Colfax, Territory of New Mexico, on the lines of what was formerly known as Precinct No. 11 and better described as follows:

Commencing at the summit of the Costello Peak at the western boundary line of Colfax County, thence southeasterly and east along the southern boundary of Precinct No. 10 to the northeast corner of Township 29 north of Range 18 east; thence south along the range line between Ranges 18 and 19 east, about thirteen miles to the northeast corner of Precinct No. 2; thence northwesterly following the northern boundary of Precinct No. 2 about twelve miles to a point on the divide about three miles north of Baldy Peak on the eastern boundary line of Precinct No. 1; and thence due north to the point of commencement.

The Board then adjourned to meet Wednesday, July 3rd, at 8:30 o'clock a. m.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment, Wednesday, present, the same Chairman, Commissioner and Clerk as on yesterday.

Robert Van Houten was appointed Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 26 and William Whiteman appointed Constable of said precinct.

The bond of Robert Van Houten was presented to the Board, found sufficient, ordered filed and the Clerk instructed to issue certificate of said appointment.

A bid was presented to the Board by the Pueblo Bridge Company, of Pueblo, Colorado, for the construction of a steel bridge across Raton arroya, in East Raton, for the sum of \$800.00; there being no bids received from the advertisement for the construction of a pile and truss bridge, the board accepted the bid of the Pueblo Bridge Co., and the clerk was instructed to notify said Company to appear before the Board at the next regular meeting, August 5th, 1907, and sign contracts for the construction of said bridge. The County of Colfax is to pay \$500 and the City of Raton to pay the sum of \$300.00 for the construction of said bridge.

Following Tax Levies made for the year 1907, as provided by law; and for the County of Colfax, Territory of New Mexico:

Funds.	On Each Dollar Valuation
Territorial	.014 Mills
County	
General County	.005
Court	.004
Interest	.00225
School	.003
Court House and Jail	
Repairs	.001
Roads and Bridges	
(outside Raton)	.002
Special Bridge	.002
Feeding Prisoners	.00150
Sinking Fund	.00075
Total Territorial and County	.03550

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Special Levies.	
School District No. 1...	.005
School District No. 2...	.005
School District No. 3...	.005
School District No. 4...	.005
School District No. 5...	.005
School District No. 6...	.005
School District No. 7...	.003
School District No. 8...	.003
School District No. 10...	.004
School District No. 12...	.005
School District No. 13...	.005
School District No. 14...	.004
School District No. 15...	.005
School District No. 16...	.005
School District No. 17...	.005
School District No. 18...	.003
School District No. 19...	.005
School District No. 20...	.003
School District No. 21...	.005
School District No. 23...	.005
School District No. 24...	.005
School District No. 26...	.005
School District No. 27...	.003
School District No. 28...	.005
School District No. 29...	.003
School District No. 32...	.003
School District No. 33...	.005

School District No. 36	.005
School District No. 37	.005
School District No. 40	.005
School District No. 41	.005
School District No. 42	.005
School District No. 39	.003
Wild Animals (on all livestock)	.004
Cattle Indemnity (on all Cattle)	.00350
Sheep	.005
City of Raton.	
General City Purposes	.004
Interest on Bonded Indebtedness	.003
Water	.004
Lights	.002
Park Purposes	.0005
	.0135

Special Levy School District No. 11	.01
Interest Fund School District No. 11	.002
	.012

The following bills against the County received, audited, approved and the Clerk ordered to draw warrants in payment thereof:

Geo. Woodhouse, labor on public lands \$95.00

Wild Animal Bounty Claims.

No.	Amt.
Wm. Walp	.437
W. J. Fulton	.438
Manuel Romero	.439
Joseph C. Smith	.440
A. Bartolino	.441
T. C. Sewall	.442
J. M. Trujillo	.443
Edgar Elliott	.444
Jose Cruz	.445
Mark Brown	.446
M. M. Salazar	.447
Ramon Abreu	.448
Millicent J. Wood	.449
T. J. Jackson	.450
C. E. Blackburn	.451
W. T. Wilson	.452
The Uracca Ranch	.453
Tom B. Gillespie	.454
W. H. Wilson	.455
Guillermo Martinez	.456
Guillermo Martinez	.457
Guillermo Martinez	.458
Guillermo Martinez	.459
Lewis Lynch	.460
F. O. Simpson	.461
C. L. Youngblood	.462
Jas. L. Smith	.463
O. N. Morris	.464
Oscar Troy	.465
Gus Brackett	.466
H. Groenewald	.467
Wat Spencer	.468
T. R. Cole	.469
Rich Bros.	.470
Oscar Troy	.471
W. S. McCloud	.472
Ed Coker	.473
John Henning	.474
Gus Brackett	.475
John T. Wilson	.476
W. L. Popejoy	.477
Jerome Troy	.478
H. W. Adams	.479
E. O. Tade	.480
Augustin Lucero	.481
Tillie Schwachheim	.482
R. A. Irwin	.483
W. K. Irwin	.484
Milt Blanchfield	.485
W. K. Irwin	.486
C. L. Youngblood	.487
Jose Abel Lopez	.488
Patt Hidalgo	.489
H. W. Adams	.490
Jose de Herrera	.491
Clarence Whistler	.492
Oscar Troy	.493
B. F. Owen	.494
Clarence Whistler	.495
Wat Spencer	.496
Geo. Harberger	.497
Steve Wilson	.498
W. M. McIntyre	.499
T. R. Cole	.500
Henry Livren	.501
Geo. Doyle	.502
Albert Lojek	.503
S. H. Rogers	.504
W. T. Wilson	.505
H. W. Adams	.506
Jacob Klautchne	.507
Uracca Ranch Co.	.508
Oscar Troy	.509
G. A. Bell	.510
Oscar Troy	.511
Jos. Gutierrez	.512
Joe Haser	.513
T. B. Martin	.514
Oscar Troy	.515
Alfred Haffer	.516
Elmer Elliott	.517
John Wallace	.518
Gus Brackett	.519
Edward Gillespie	.520
Ed Duffy	.521
Geo. Harberger	.522
E. O. Brown	.523
Rich Bros.	.524
H. W. Adams	.525
Mrs. S. D. Higgins	.526
Jose Cruz	.527
Oscar Troy	.528
Gus Brackett	.529
J. Hixenbaugh, stamps, express, etc.	.530
Herman A. Funke, J. P. Fees Precinct 3	.490
J. S. Wilson, J. P. Fees, Precinct 3	.1650
Jose Alari, Interpreter Fees in J. P. Court	.200
N. K. Oldham, House rent for pauper	.1150
W. G. Honey, House rent for pauper	.500

E. N. Burch, Labor on roads	12.00
Raton Publishing Co., publishing Commissioners Proceedings	70.25
Raton Water Works Co., water rent for quarter	50.00
Fugate-Fry Furn. Co., burial of paupers, etc.	56.65
Andres Ceballes, piling for bridges	2.00
Colo. Tel. Co., rental for telephones	18.00
Cohn Bros., blankets for jail	7.50
Rensberg Merc. Co., Provisions for road outfit	28.15
E. G. Twitty, stamps, express, telegrams and June salary as Dep'y Dist. Clerk	41.15
Chas. B. Averill, labor on roads	10.00
S. H. Rogers, labor on roads and bridges	65.00
New Mexico Penitentiary, board of Colfax county criminals	5.00
E. G. Twitty, salary for quarter ending 6-30-07	250.00
Daniel Sandoval, salary for quarter ending 6-30-07	152.00
B. F. Jackson, deputy sheriff's fees	100.00
C. R. Bass, M. D., professional services	10.00
T. B. Hart, professional services	32.30
Blossberg Merc. Co., supplies for quarantine camp	202.20
Marion Littrell, sheriff's fees	9.00
Crystal Ice Co., ice for offices	7.00
New Mexican Printing Co., books, stationery, etc.	125.66
Geo. D. Barnard & Co., books, stationery, etc.	25.95
Thomas Harberger, interpreter fees J. P. court	2.00
Springer W. & E. L. Co., water rent Springer Court House	12.50
Gate City Lumber Co., lumber for bridges	70.18
Marion Littrell, sheriff's fees	28.75
Marion Littrell, jailor and janitor salary	140.00
Butcher & Wharrie, blacksmithing	8.15
Pauly Jail Bldg Co., balance due on new jail	849.02
Douglas Wright, deputy sheriff's fees	50.55
J. Merrill, wild animal bounty warrant No. 530	10.00
J. C. Tylor, commissioner salary and mileage	210.00
E. N. Burch, commissioner salary and mileage	200.00
David Crow, commissioner salary and mileage	200.00
Sam Wright, constable fees, Precinct 20	67.00
Hobbs Hardware Co., supplies for roads	16.30
E. N. Burch, assistance to paupers	12.00
No other business appearing, the Board then adjourned to meet Monday, August 5th, A. D. 1907.	
J. C. TAILOR, Chairman.	
Attest:	
E. G. TWITTY, Clerk.	

CONVENTION BEARS FRUIT.

Secretary Garfield Visits Grand Junction and Starts Ball.

Grand Junction, Colo.—One of the results of the visit of Secretary of the Interior Garfield to Colorado will be the building by the United States reclamation service of the great High Line ditch, at a cost of between \$200,000 and \$3,000,000. The building of this ditch means the reclamation of 150,000 acres of land, which will be made highly productive agriculturally and horticulturally and provide homes and sustenance for at least 20,000 people.

Work upon this vast and important national irrigation project will probably begin within the next twelve months. The proposed ditch will extend to cross the Utah line, and all land that will be watered by it is tributary to Grand Junction.

State Senator D. T. Long of Mesa county, who was a delegate to the recent land convention at Denver, is responsible for the announcement. It was he who induced Secretary Garfield to change his itinerary and stop over at Grand Junction long enough for himself and party to go over the line of the proposed ditch and inspect the land that would be reclaimed by it.

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